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*Cover: Mickey Fonville,
a dedicated Teamster
for eighteen years, is a
member of Local 639
in Washington DC.
January 2012.*

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Introduction

'Teamsters: A New Millennium' takes a look at the everyday lives of Teamster members at work in the new century and showcases the diversity of industries the union represents. These photos are only a small, random cross section of the many dedicated and hardworking Teamsters across North America. Millions of other members continue the Teamster legacy each and every day at their jobs, in their communities or on the picket line.

The Teamsters are strengthened by their solid traditions and history and move forward into the future with their sights set on making a difference on the job and improving the lives of all working people.



Chuck Peterson, a Local 174 member, in Tukwila, Wash., readies his truck for his job as a fueler at Boeing. March 2003.



Being a Teamster was in the blood for the Garrett brothers. Mike, a driver with UPS; Dennis, a BNSF Railway locomotive engineer; and Kevin, a captain with NetJets, all toed the union line. May 2007.



The Teamster traditions of brotherhood and the union as a family are seen throughout the country. Members Ken Williams and Larry Dupree from Local 79 in Tampa, Fla., embody this notion well. The two friends met in the union, work together as trustees and watch over each other's families. They are nicknamed Salt and Pepper because they are always together. June 2011.



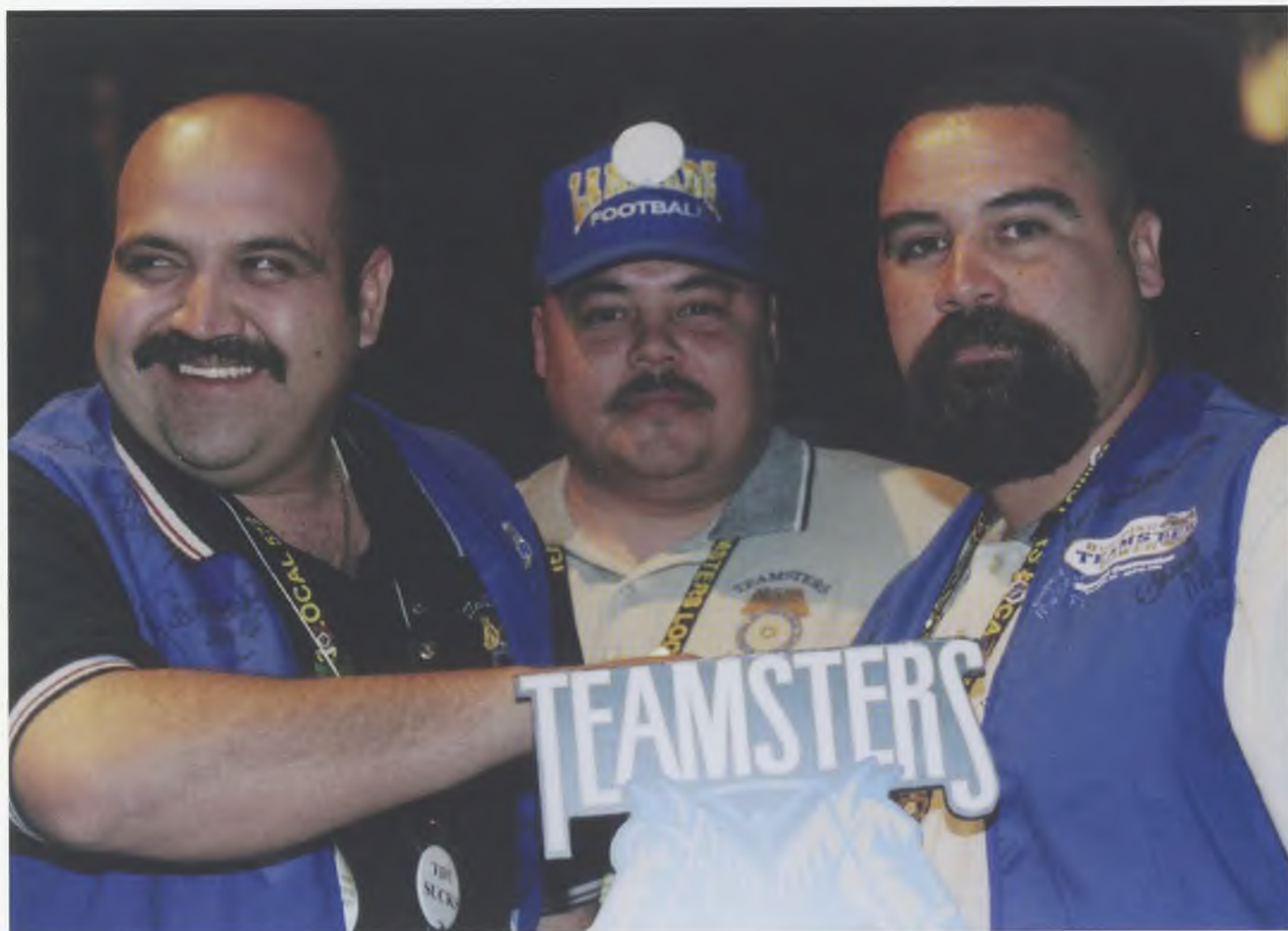
The Teamsters represent workers in industries from A to Z—airline workers to zoo keepers. Woody Heabler, a member of Local 507 working at the Cleveland Zoo, feeds a hungry hippopotamus. February 2008.



San Francisco Zoo employees David Carroll and Ron Amiot from Local 856 in San Bruno, Calif., offer snacks to friendly giraffes. July 2009.



More than 4,000 Teamsters marched peacefully with 40,000 other pro-labor demonstrators during the World Trade Organization protests, November 1999.



At the Teamsters Special Convention, delegates adopted constitutional changes to rebuild the union's treasury, build a strike fund and launch new organizing campaigns. From left to right: David Rivera, Larry Naranjo and Jamie Villanueva from Local 572 in Carson, Calif., show their Teamster pride. April 2002.

General President James
P. Hoffa energizes the
crowd at a Port of Los
Angeles rally. April 2008.





A Teamster pilot and co-pilot prepare for flight in the cockpit. May 2006.



The Teamsters Airline Division has been representing flight attendants since the 1960s. When Minnesota-based Sun Country Airlines was struggling financially after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Teamsters made sure the flight attendants received their health benefits. February 2002.



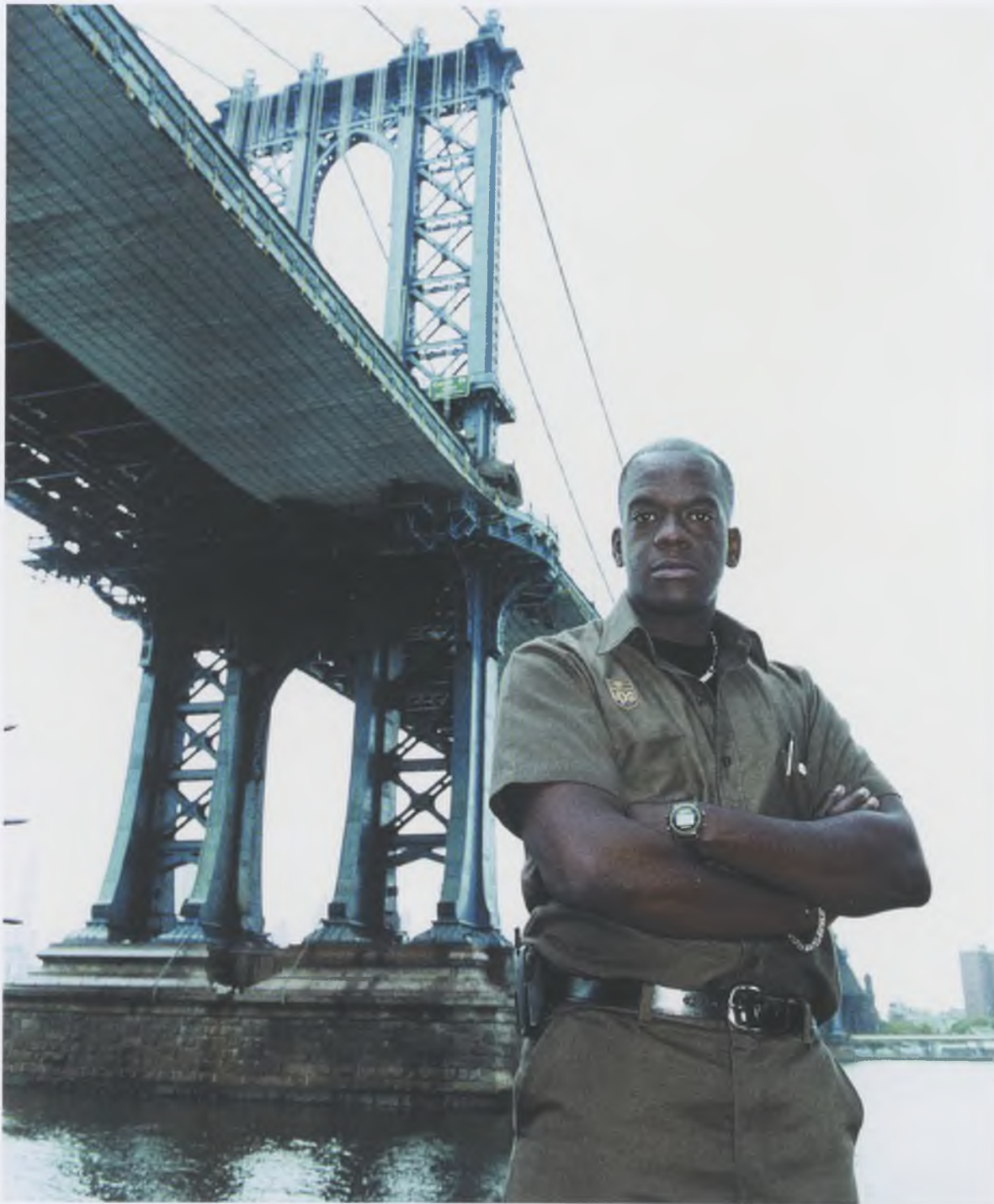
Local 20 members proudly marched in the Labor Day parade in Toledo, Ohio. International Vice President Cheryl Johnson served as Grand Marshall. September 2005.



The Teamsters Retiree Division of New York City crowns a king and queen as part of their 30th anniversary celebration. In the foreground, King Rocco Brienza applauds after Queen Muriel Williams is crowned. June 2010.



Carmen Levato, a retiree from Local 705, served as a retiree volunteer for Joint Council 25. He helped elect labor-friendly candidates to Chicago's City Council by making get-out-the-vote calls. February 2007.



Chris Hope, a UPS driver from Memphis, Tenn., drove 1,100 miles to Manhattan to deliver computers, cell phones and other equipment to the Red Cross headquarters two days after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. September 2001.



Members from Locals 282 and 831 in the New York City area helped haul debris from the World Trade Center site. Workers near the site don protective gear to keep from inhaling contaminants. September 2001.



Lt. Kent Vinson, a firefighter for the town of Douglas, Mass., checks rescue equipment used to free accident victims trapped in vehicles. Vinson is a member of Local 170 in Worcester, Mass. October 2007.



Paramedics David Siegel and Andrew Atkinson from Rural Metro Medical Services in Buffalo, N.Y. prepare to transport a patient. They are members of Local 375 in Buffalo. October 2007.



Teamsters from all over the country assisted with the relief effort after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Among them were X-ray technicians who worked around the clock to help meet the demand for medical treatment. September 2001.



Many Teamsters also helped prepare food and gather supplies for rescue workers. September 2001.



Immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks, Teamsters responded by removing debris, transporting materials, loading and unloading trucks and other crucial tasks. September 2001.



New York City hansom cab drivers in Central Park returned to their Teamster roots when they joined Local 553. Frank Rodden, a 22-year veteran driver, poses with his 11-year-old horse Billy. July 2009.



Tony Salerno came from Italy 29 years ago to drive carriages in New York City. He is from three generations of carriage drivers. Salerno and his horse Spartacus are ready for customers. July 2009.



Gary Tiffe a retired Business Agent from Local 631 in Las Vegas attended the One Nation Working Together rally with hundreds of fellow Teamsters to call attention to the plight of American workers. October 2010.



Port drivers show solidarity at a Los Angeles Port Rally. April 2008.



Port truckers from across the country rallied in Washington, D.C. to urge Congress to lower fuel prices and end anti-trust exemptions. June 2000.



A Roadway Freight worker at Local 776 in Harrisburg, Pa. is bending a cylinder for a heat exchanger. September 2002.



Workers at Yellow Freight wash a truck inside the terminal. September 2002.



BFI employee Skip Chamberlain from Local 215 in Evansville, Ind., gives the OK sign to show his pride in being a Teamster. May 2004.



Hank Sherman, a Local 117 member at Allied Waste in Bellevue, Wash., operates the hatch mechanism on his truck. September 2008.



Chicago waste haulers from Locals 301 and 731 won a strong five-year agreement after a nine-day strike. October 2003.

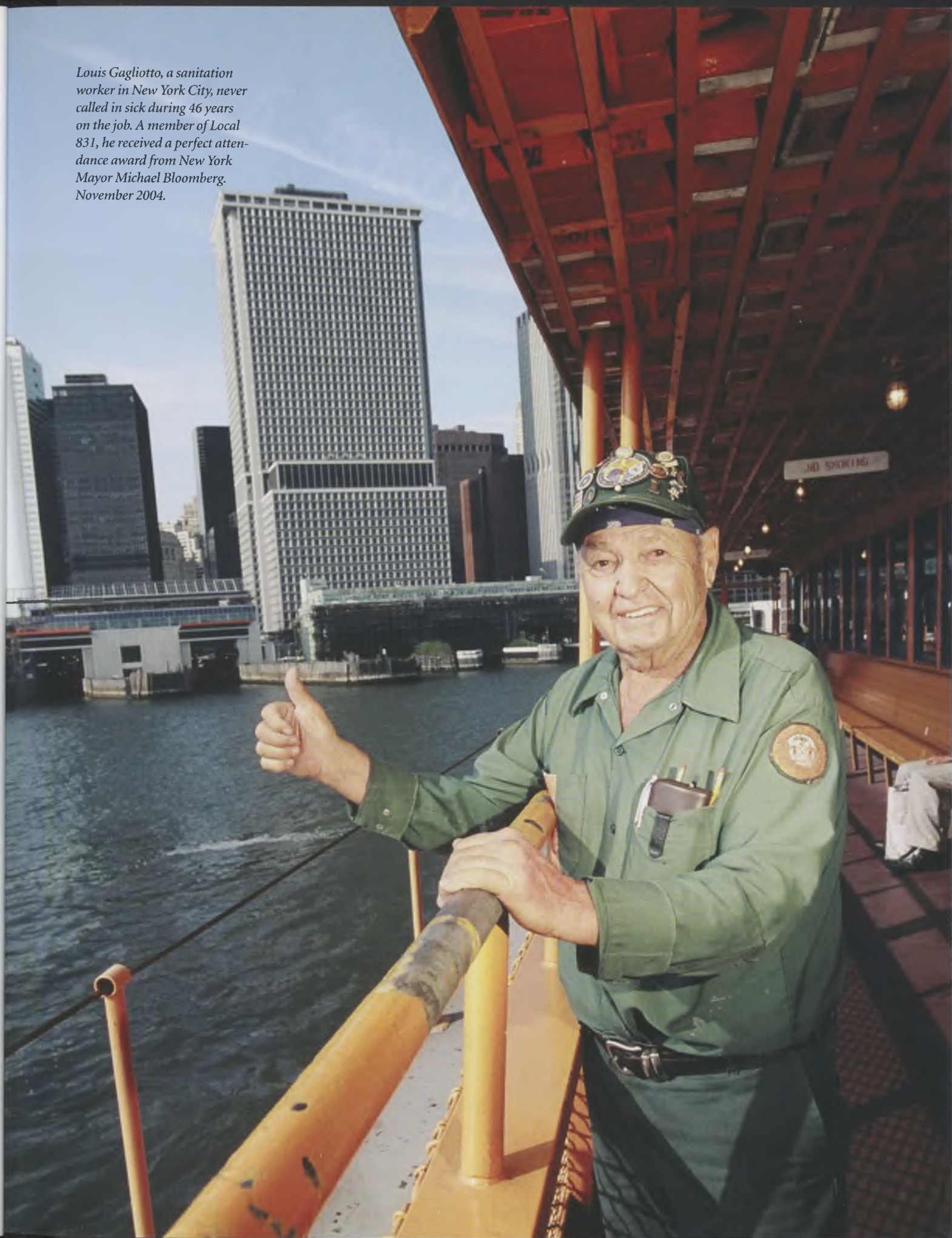


Swiss Dairy workers Malcolm McDonald, Bobby Valentin, Sergio Barraza and Carlos McDonald are all members of Local 166 in Bloomington, Calif. May 2004.



Benjamin Zendejas, a driver for Ross Swiss Dairy and member of Local 166, secures his vehicle. May 2004.

Louis Gagliotto, a sanitation worker in New York City, never called in sick during 46 years on the job. A member of Local 831, he received a perfect attendance award from New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, November 2004.





Kelly Eggleton, a steward at Local 89 in Louisville, Ky., guides a UPS plane. February 2005.



Teamsters work in all types of conditions and receive solid training to handle whatever may come their way at the Alaska Teamsters-Employers Service Training Trust program. Instructors at the training center also helped prepare participants for the show "America's Toughest Jobs" on NBC. November 2008.



Wayne Craft of Local 959 in Anchorage, Alaska, teaches a pipeline training session for the Alaska Teamsters-Employers Service Training Trust program. November 2008.



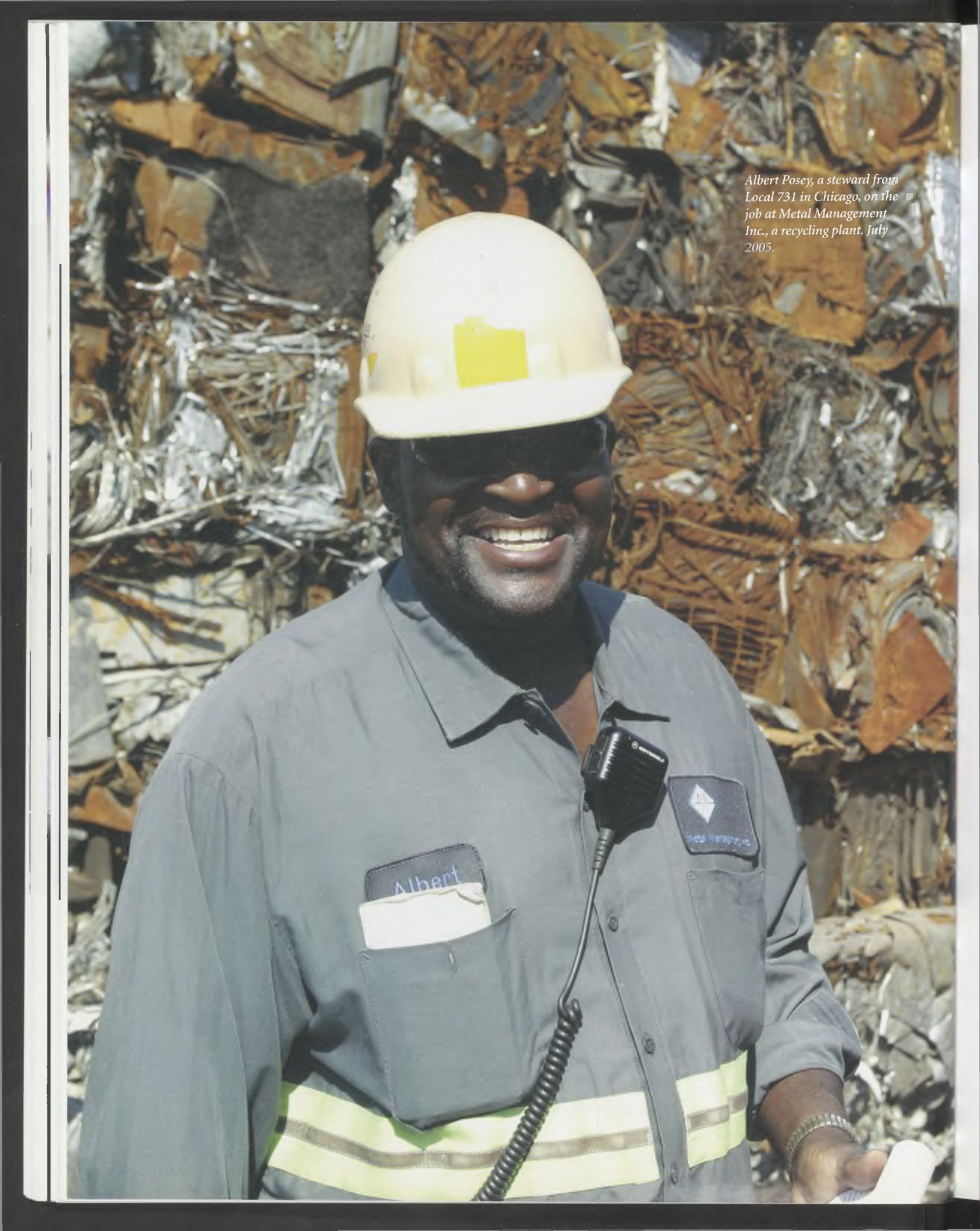
The vintage truck from Joint Council 10 in New England makes special appearances at events such as the Teamsters 100th Anniversary celebration. Paul Flynn, a 58-year member of the union, often drives the truck on those occasions. Flynn is the Director of Transportation for Joint Council 10. July 2011.



Harkening back to the early days of the union, UPS worker Robert Horn from Local 486 has to deliver goods by bike or by horse-powered flatbed drays on Mackinac Island in Michigan. The island prohibits the use of motorized vehicles. Horn works out of the Rudyard Center in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. October 2004.



Law Enforcement Teamsters from all over the country attend the four-day Police Week Conference held annually in Washington, D.C. Members of the Teamsters Law Enforcement League (TLEL) attend a candlelight vigil honoring officers killed in the line of duty at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, May 2006.



Albert Posey, a steward from
Local 731 in Chicago, on the
job at Metal Management
Inc., a recycling plant. July
2005.



David Dyer, a member of the BMWED in Portland, Ore., is also a dedicated artist specializing in portraits. July 2007.



Mark Elksnis, a member of Local 639 in Washington, D.C., drove race cars sponsored by LEAF candies when not on the job at UPS. July 2005.



The Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail Company (MBCR) serves Boston and its suburbs. In 2006 it employed nine female locomotive engineers, one of the highest concentrations of women engineers in all of the BLET. Donna Rebello of BLET Division 57 is part of that team. January 2006.



Lloyd G. Bill, a locomotive engineer from Division 482 in Washington, D.C., peers out from the cab of his MARC (Maryland Area Regional Commuter) train. April 2008.



A CSX locomotive leaves the rail yard in the early morning hours. September 2007.



Lee Greenwood was the featured performer at the Teamsters 100th Anniversary celebration. September 2003.



Members gather for the evening dinner event at the Teamsters 100th Anniversary celebration. More than 4,000 people attended. September 2003.



Wendel J. Kiser, a founding member of Local 386 in Modesto, Calif. with 70 years of service to the union, speaks at the Teamster Centennial celebration. Retirees T. Eddy Sheehan, from Local 25 in Boston, and John Donaldson, from Local 213 in Vancouver, Canada, look on. The retirees spoke immediately after President Bill Clinton. Mr. Sheehan gave his thoughts on that situation: "Only in America can a truck driver follow the President of the United States." September 2003.



As part of the 100th Anniversary celebration, members were invited to Teamster headquarters to view exhibits about the union's past. September 2003.



Teamster Centennial exhibits allowed visitors to enjoy film and audio clips of highlights in Teamster history. They could also listen to interviews with rank-and-file members. September 2003.



Stephen Roland of Atlanta's Local 728 shows off his Teamsters Motion Picture Division tattoo. He has been a member of Local 728 since 1993 and, for his last two projects, he drove a camera truck, but says he drives/operates anything with a steering wheel and runs on gas/diesel.



A boom in pipeline construction across the country created a demand for Teamster drivers—known for their safety records and experience—to haul pipe from the railhead or port to the job site. August 2006.



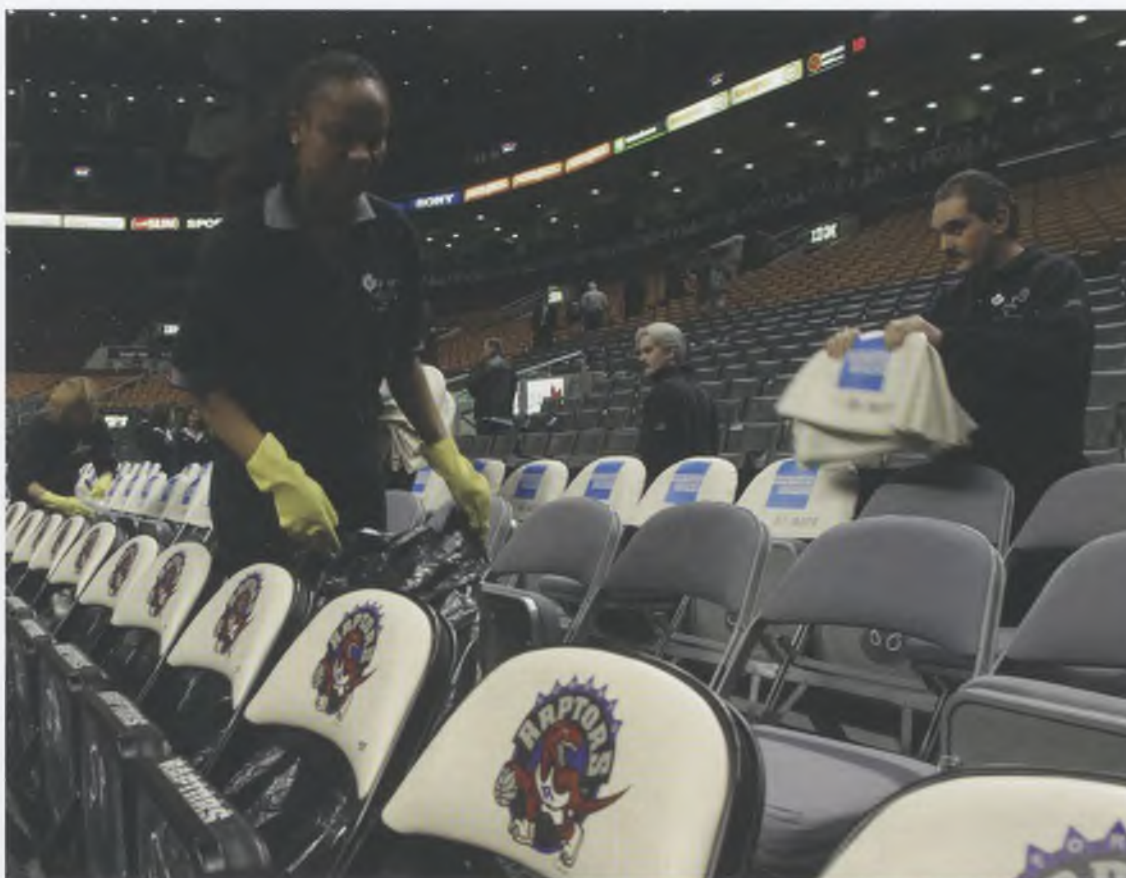
Teamster members work on a pipeline job in Jacksonville, Fla. April 2006.



*Rogers Ready Mix worker
Doug Reber from Local 325
in Rockford, Ill. guides work-
ers from the Laborers' Union
as they pour cement for a
road repair job. August 2004.*



Coke driver Sean Britt is a member of Local 688 in St. Louis. June 2006.



Teamsters at the Air Canada Center in Toronto prepare the arena for a Raptors game. March 2003.



Young Air Canada Center workers proudly display their badges. March 2003.



The "ready line" of trucks at the YRC yard in Carlisle, Pa. June 2008.



Student drivers practice their skills during a class at the Local 25 Driver Training Program in Boston. May 2001.



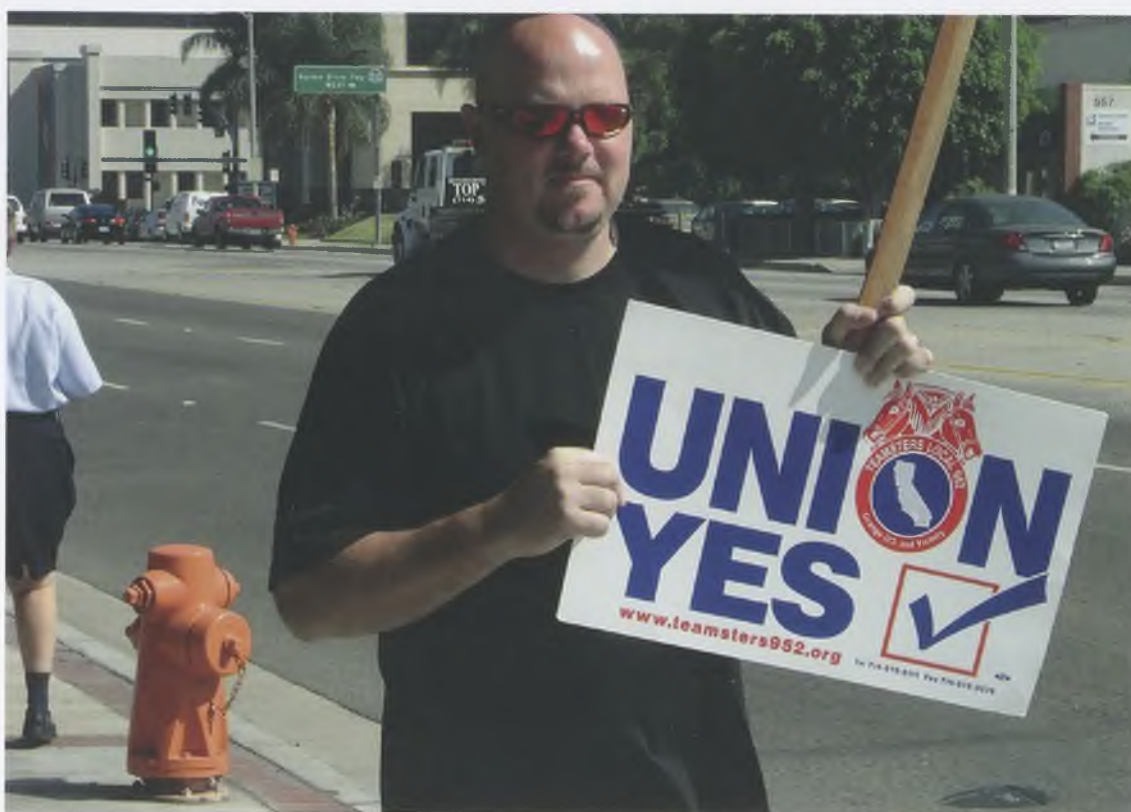
After 13 years of struggle, workers at Diamond Walnut joined Local 601 in Stockton, Calif. in 2004 and voted on their first contract in 2005. June 2005.



City employees at Local 190 in Billings, Mont. emerged victorious with a new three-year contract after a tough 11-day strike. It included amnesty for three probationary employees who refused to cross the picket line. Left to right are: Bruce O'Bannion, Damien Kuehn, Matt Winkler (Back), Kelly Kuehn, Tim Nelson. August 2004.



Nina Bugbee, President of Local 332 in Flint, Mich., fires up the crowd at a contract rally outside of Ascension Hospital Headquarters in St. Louis. March 2010.



Brent Hale, a member of Local 952 in Orange, Calif., shows his support at a rally during contract negotiations with the Orange County Transportation Authority. August 2004.



A Teamster mechanic does an inspection of equipment under the inboard fan cowl of the right engine. November 2010.



Lee Som, an ExpressJet mechanic at Houston Intercontinental Airport and member of Local 19 in Houston, installs an inspection plate on a plane. March 2003.



Bruce Hardwood Floors workers voice their concerns on the strike line. The workers are members of Local 175 in Charleston, W.V. June 2003.



Locals 948, 137, 63 and 386 in California helped bring more than 500 Ruan drivers into the Teamsters. November 2007.



Members Dave Stevens, Mark Young and Mike Calvetti of Local 326 in New Castle, Del. load up a truck with Corona beer before heading off for a delivery. March 2006.



A coordinated bargaining strategy among three locals that represent workers at Miller Breweries helped to secure good contracts for members of Local 997 in Ft. Worth, Texas, Local 391 in Greensboro, N.C. and Local 986 in Los Angeles. Member Millie Brown from Local 997 puts finishing touches on beer cartons at the Ft. Worth brewery. July 2006.



UPS worker Rasaki Opakunle from Local 638 rushes to transport parcels at the distribution center in Minneapolis. December 2007.



Members Scott Draheim, Shane Geng and Paul Sommer sort boxes at the Minneapolis UPS distribution center. December 2007.



In 2003, freight driver A.D. Ellis was elected as the Chief of the Muscogee Nation. Ellis was a member of Local 523 in Tulsa, Okla. for 35 years. May 2004.



Teamster Mike Vinci, a member of Local 727 in Chicago, handled saddles and other equipment in his job as jockey valet at Arlington Park Racetrack. August 2005.



Local 727 member Kevin Willis guides horses to the starting gate at Arlington Park racetrack in Illinois. July 2005.



Teamster workers have helped make Disney parks safe since Disneyland opened in 1955. Assistant Conductor Vern Smith, a 25-year veteran at the park, waves to the crowd. January 2011.



Disney ride operator David Hepperle secures the door on the Toy Story Mania ride. January 2011.



Teamsters at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus work in a variety of positions to make sure the circus gets to town, runs smoothly and the performers stay safe. Member Bob Cox, a steward from Local 688 in St. Louis, chats with a performer during a show at the Washington, D.C. Armory. September 2005.

Evansville, Ind. Teamsters
Willie Thacker and Alicia
Frymire celebrate a strong
contract between Local 215
members and Allied
Waste/BFI. July 2004.





Don Thornsburg, a member of Local 986 in Los Angeles, was the first person in history to plant a union flag on Mount Everest. December 2003.



Thornsburg on Mt. Everest with one of the Teamster banners he brought along. December 2003.

Arthur Cage, a member of Local 667 in Memphis, Tenn., was recognized for driving 5 million safe miles for Roadway Express. Cage is the only person in the country to have accomplished the feat driving for only one company. January 2009.



Marty Peters, a UPS driver in Detroit, celebrated 60 years of service with the company in 2006. Throughout those 60 years, the longtime Local 243 member only took five sick days. Peters retired three years later. March 2006.



Joe Price from Local 311 in Baltimore works on an engine at Johnson and Towers, an engine repair company. May 2003.



A collaboration between the Teamsters and Operating Engineers Local 150 helped to bring nearly 600 Chicago-area landscape workers into the two unions. May 2004.



School bus driver and steward Diana Poteet from Local 783 in Louisville, Ky. prepares to start the day. July 2004.



School bus drivers converge at local schools in Iowa City, Iowa as the afternoon rush begins. May 2006.



The Cintas campaign was a major project for the newly formed Strategic Research and Campaigns Department at the Teamsters Union. Henry Franklin, a Cintas worker from Local 986 in Los Angeles, stands between two company trucks. July 2005.



Another Cintas worker from Local 986 organizes shirts on a rack inside his truck. Both work out of the Whittier, Calif. facility. July 2005.



Local 238 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa made the K-9 team of Hank and Echo honorary members with their own union cards after they helped sniff out \$16 million worth of cocaine. They stand with Scott Faiferlick, one of their handlers from the Dallas County Sheriff's Department. August 2005.



Herb Harris, a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen Division 482 in Washington, D.C., operates an Amtrak Acela Express train. March 2004.



Road foreman Bill Broadus stands at the rail yard in Baltimore as a train roars past. December 2003.



More than 3,000 members of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) began their membership with the Teamsters in 2004. Clayton Geck, a member of BMWED Lodge 250 in Canada, stands next to a spike puller at a job site outside Regina, Saskatchewan. June 2004.



Jerry Mowka, from BMWED Lodge 1037, prepares to enter the cab of a tamping machine at the Stanley rail yard outside Toledo, Ohio. November 2004.



Darlene Tate and Nadine Ward, members of GCC Local 406C in New York, work in the pressroom at New York Newsday. Tate, left, uses a densitometer to adjust the density of the ink on the paper. April 2005.



U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis greets attendees at the 2009 Women's Conference in Las Vegas. Solis is the daughter of a Teamster. September 2009.



The Joint Association of Boxing (JAB), the first union of professional boxers, established a close relationship with the Teamsters. Two fighters square off during a JAB fight. November 2005.



Gino Rodriguez, Vice President of Local 714 in Chicago, also served as a professional boxing referee. Rodriguez poses next to some of his boxing awards and other memorabilia. September 2004.



Teamsters trained to become members of airline accident investigation teams at a seminar hosted by Local 2727 in Louisville, Ky. Participants included members from Locals 120, 135, 573, 747, 769, 986, 1224 and 2727. May 2007.



Union members practice skills during Hazmat Training at the George Meany Center in Silver Spring, Md. April 2005.

*Will Combs, a UPS driver
from Local 391 in Greens-
boro, N.C., on his delivery
route. June 2005.*





CSX Locomotive Engineer W.E. "Bill" Terry couples locomotives at the rail yard in Baltimore. He is a member of BLET Division 97 in Baltimore. March 2004.



The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen merged with the Teamsters in 2004, widening the union's coverage of transportation industries. March 2004.



The Teamsters support Helmets to Hardhats, a national program formed in 2002 to help former military members land jobs within the construction industry. November 2007.



Voting unanimously to forgo their holiday party, the membership of Local 63 in Covina, Calif. agree to spend the money on care packages for troops stationed in Iraq. December 2006.



Members of Local 63 load packages to be sent to soldiers in Iraq. The care packages were sent to the 209th Artillery Support Battalion in Fallujah where the son of a Local 63 member was stationed. December 2006.



Teamster members benefit from the knowledge of the medical experts who serve on the Teamsters Safety and Health Medical Advisory Board, a part of the union's Safety and Health Department. Renowned heart surgeon Michael DeBakey was on the board. December 2000.



More than 900 Ohio Turnpike Commission workers joined Local 436 in Valley View, Ohio. Teresa Lowers collects toll from Local 436 Organizer Rick Kepler. March 2002.



Jairo Gonzalez, a member of Local 272 in New York, works as a parking attendant in Manhattan. October 2004.



Mary Stoner, a member of Local 311 in Baltimore, loads trays of freshly made hot dogs at the Hagerstown Canteen in Hagerstown, Md. October 2004.



Hagerstown Canteen Teamsters represented by Local 311 include drivers, warehouse and food preparation workers. Hagerstown Canteen driver Jamie Wagner gets soft drinks ready for a delivery. October 2004.



In May 2003, 900 workers from the Osceola County School District in Florida voted to join Local 385 in Orlando, Fla. Frank Ortiz, a mechanic, was one of the new members. August 2003.



In September 2010, 1,100 government employees of Pasco County, Fla. voted to join Local 79 in Tampa. County librarian Paul Maggiorini was one of the new members. December 2010.



Stella John works at Costco Wholesale in Beltsville, Md. She is a member of Local 311 in Baltimore. September 2007.



Robert Glenn, a meat cutter at Costco, is happy to be a member of Local 311. September 2007.



The Teamsters are proud to represent law enforcement workers in jurisdictions across the country. Officer Jason Yoakum from the Atherton, Calif. Police Department, a member of Local 856 in San Bruno, gathers information inside his patrol car. May 2007.



Officers of the Longwood, Fla. Police Department's Motor Unit visit Teamster headquarters in Washington, D.C. They are members of Local 385 in Orlando. Left to right: Adrian Millis, Wayne Roberts, Robert Albritton and Robert Ladoczky. May 2006.



Teamster women have been increasingly active in the union in the last decade, helping to coordinate events and campaigns, taking on leadership roles and forming close bonds at the annual Women's Conference. February 2005.



A BMWED member works on the track at the Seattle rail yard. June 2005.



Tired of patient care decisions being overruled by insurance companies, 250 doctors in Syracuse, N.Y. overwhelmingly voted to join Local 1149. The Syracuse doctors became the first private practitioners in the United States to join the Teamsters. Office nurse Melanie Antos and Dr. Peter Barley discuss medical records with a visiting medical student. June 2006.



Resisting anti-labor tactics and harassment, 179 blood-collection workers at the Northern Ohio Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross voted to join Local 507 in Cleveland. Karren Long, a blood-collection employee, works with a patient. December 2004.



The "Seamsters" was a nickname given to a group of Local 783 members in Louisville, Ky. who stitched clothing and other materials at the Nationwide Uniform Corporation. Member Connie Reiter works at her sewing machine. November 2009.



Teamsters at American Time/American Products in Rochester, N.Y. create Teamster merchandise that is available at the Teamster Store online. Durmond Glanton, a member with Local 118, meticulously stitches a Teamster patch. October 2006.



Seven members of Local 1035 in South Windsor, Conn. were killed in a shooting incident at Hartford Distributors. Members honor them at a memorial service following the tragedy. August 2010.



Teamster school district workers help future generations succeed and stay safe. Michelle Duerr, a steward and member of Local 264 in Buffalo, N.Y., welcomes a child off a school bus in Holland, N.Y. November 2002.



In May 2005, more than 1,000 Highline School District employees voted to join Local 763 in Seattle. Brenda Rauschenberg, office manager at Beverly Park Elementary School, takes a student's temperature. August 2005.

BMWED member William T. Holloway is operating a track-laying machine at the New Jersey Amtrak yard. He is placing new rails on fresh concrete ties. June 2009.





Members of the Carhaul Division pride themselves on safety on the job when transporting new vehicles, even during inclement weather. Mark Przekwas, member of Local 710, working at Allied's old West Chicago yard. March 2007.



John Grimoldby, a Local 710 member working at Allied Transport, loads vehicles onto his truck. March 2007.



Teamsters have been at the forefront of opposing the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) since it was signed into law in 1993. Members protest at a rally in California. June 2006.



A Teamster member in Southern California poses by a Bimbo Bakery truck. Teamsters represent Bimbo workers across the country. January 2011.



Local 734 President Brian Meidel, Business Agent Gordon Nisbet and Organizer Scott Kunz visit with members employed by Krispy Kreme Doughnuts in Chicago. Seated left to right are: Richard Marino and Meidel. Standing left to right: Carlos Lopez, Kunz, Darian Perry, Edgar Allen and Nisbet. August 2003.



In 2007, Local 901 in Puerto Rico marked its 50th year. Members David Velez and Edgardo Acevedo show their pride in the local. They are employed by Surface Igniters. October 2007.



Local 901 member Wilfredo Siberon and his wife enjoy the 50th anniversary celebration. He works at San Juan Cement. October 2007.



Traci Smith, a business agent from Local 572 in Carson, Calif., shows her support at a rally for a school bus campaign in Jacksonville, Fla. March 2008.



One of the Warehouse Division's largest contracts is with Costco, where the Teamsters have represented workers for more than two decades. A Costco employee in California moves pallets in the warehouse. May 2004.



Kroger warehouse worker Scott Herting is a member of Local 117 in Tukwila, Wash. October 2003.



Kelly Diaz loads shelves at the Kroger warehouse in Tukwila, Wash. Diaz is also a member of Local 117. October 2003.



Members of the Trade Show and Convention Centers Division install trade shows and conventions and also work in hotels and casinos. Local 631 member Cory Woods helps install a show in Las Vegas. February 2007.



Boston Convention Center workers install a show. They are members of Local 82 in Boston. May 2006.



At Universal Studios, Teamster shuttle driver John Seth, a member of Local 399 in North Hollywood, Calif., waits for visitors to arrive at the studio lot. February 2005.



Teamster Jack Castor stares down one of the many tigers he took care of as lion keeper at the San Francisco Zoo. Castor, who retired after 48 years as a steward for Local 856 in San Bruno, Calif., raised 300 lions and tigers and entertained 25 million visitors in that time. December 1999.



Teamsters at a bakery depot in Northern California load Colombo Bakery goods into their trucks. January 2001.



The Teamsters have represented Hostess workers since 1933. Member Mike James from Local 639 in Washington, D.C. loads cupcakes at the Rockville, Md. distribution center. November 2004.



Public works employees remove fallen trees and debris in Chicago. Pictured from left to right are gardeners and tree surgeons from Local 703: Anthony Herron, Sam Carreon, Jose Capo, Robert Schon, Garric Wagner, Richard White and Chicago Park District driver Joe Wink from Local 700. January 2006.



Two utility workers from Local 79 are on the job in Pasco County, Fla. December 2010.



Pepsi drivers Rodney Kalina and Bob Fairchild from Local 688 in St. Louis move hundreds of gallons of soft drinks every day. June 2006.



A wide variety of items on the market are Teamster-made—everything from Lipton Tea to Red Wing Shoes. Doumak marshmallows are made by Local 703 Teamsters in Chicago. July 2011.



Dum Dum lollipops have been made for years at Spangler Candy Company by members of Local 20 in Toledo, Ohio. August 2011



Members of Local 703 in Chicago make Claussen pickles. August 2011.



Los Angeles Times

Three hundred Los Angeles Times press operators voted to join the Graphic Communications Conference of the Teamsters Union. March 2007.



Workers at the Union Tribune in San Diego protest outside the paper's headquarters. They gained a contract and are part of the Graphic Communications Conference of the Teamsters. February 2008.

Teamster members have always tied union pride with patriotism. The stars and stripes unfurl at Teamster headquarters in Washington, D.C. September 2001.





Hurricane Katrina swept through the Gulf Coast, devastating regions from Texas to Florida. Teamsters in the area were among those affected. More than 2,000 of New Orleans-based Local 270's members were displaced, and members in other states also had significant losses. September 2005.



Teamsters from all over the country volunteered to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Bill Moore from Local 696 in Topeka, Kan., loads a truck with supplies. October 2005.



Local 891 members in Jackson, Miss. worked nonstop to help people when Hurricane Katrina hit. The local made contingency plans before the storm and followed up by locating members afterward. Local 891 President W.C. Smith and Ken Page, the Secretary-Treasurer, load provisions with the help of member Terry Bang, September 2005.



Roy Gillespie, a member of Local 600 in Maryland Heights, Mo., played a crucial role in the Katrina relief efforts. Gillespie was stationed in the New Orleans area for months coordinating Teamster relief projects in his role as a Teamsters Human Rights Commissioner. September 2005.



This Teamster Handlex mechanic is one of more than 400 ground services workers in the company represented by Teamsters Canada. February 2007.



Brian Knaub, a Roadway Express mechanic with Local 776 in Harrisburg, Pa., looks for the right tools for his job. September 2002.



Kroger worker Marvin Patterson navigates the shelves in the warehouse. Patterson is now on staff at Local 117 in Tukwila, Wash. October 2003.



Scott Stintsman, a member of Local 463 in Fort Washington, Pa., makes a delivery for BOC Gases. January 2001.



Groundskeepers Kevin Neary (left) and George Sedlak (right) ready the field at PNC Park, home of the Pittsburgh Pirates. They are now retired members of Local 250 in Pittsburgh. December 2005.



The current grounds keeping team at PNC Park, from left to right: Jim Smith, Dan Dabecco, Mike Welsh and Mike Adrian. November 2009.



GCC members are proud of the fact that their jobs require them to operate some of the most technically advanced equipment in the world. Journeyman presser Tim Spalding makes adjustments to a web press at McArdle Printing in Upper Marlboro, Md. January 2005.



In 2004, Graphic Communications International Union (GCIU) members voted to merge with the Teamsters. Anthony Nguyen, a member employed at Peake DeLancey Printers in Cheverly, Md., checks a proof. April 2011.



Tom Lockard, a welder from Local 783 in Louisville, Ky., served as chief steward in his shop at Jefferson County Public Schools until his retirement in 2008. Lockard works on equipment parts in the shop. July 2004.

Dorothy Thompson, a driver from Local 399 in North Hollywood, Calif., works on the set of the film "The Island." February 2005.





More than 10,000 Teamsters work behind the scenes on movie and television productions as members of the Motion Picture and Theatrical Trade Division. Animal trainer Dave McMillan, a member of Local 399 in North Hollywood, Calif., gets a "star" ready for a close-up. February 2005.



Mike Boyle, a member of Local 399 in North Hollywood, Calif. and horse wrangler by trade, works with Sandy and J.J. at his Simi Valley, Calif. ranch. The two quarter horses appeared in the films "Hidalgo" and "The Princess Diaries." February 2005.



For 92 years, Americans have been drinking Eight O'Clock Coffee and making it one of the most popular brands in the country. Teamsters from Local 730 in Washington, D.C. produce the coffee at a plant in Maryland. Member Karen Davis sorts bags of coffee. February 2005.



James Wiley Robertson, a Teamster at the Maryland Eight O'Clock Coffee plant since 1978, adds beans to the vat in his job as roaster. February 2005.



Teamsters work behind the scenes in many different industries. The “unseen” quality does not lessen the importance of their tasks. An airline mechanic conducts maintenance work on a plane. April 2006.



Darigold worker Dennis Moore, a shop steward for Local 305 in Portland, Ore. since 2007, tightens a CIP jumper. July 2011.



A strong new contract was cause for celebration for 160 drivers, warehouse and production workers represented by Local 264 at Upstate Milk in Cheektowaga, NY. Pictured are Business Agent Richard Lipsitz, Tom Zack, Bill Baron, Bruce Freidenburg, Local 264 President Ron Lucas, Paul McIntyre, Chris Fischer and Business Agent Joe Nowak. January 2010.



Tom Hanna of Local 600 in Maryland Heights, Mo. sits behind the wheel of a Prairie Farms Milk truck. March 2006.



Rich Breen is a driver and steward at Cassens Transport Company. He is a member of Local 299 in Detroit. February 2008.



Carhauler Jim Higgins, also a member of Local 299, does a safety check on his vehicle. February 2008.



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Teamsters at Christie's auction house handle sales, conduct gallery work and many other tasks. They are members of Local 814 in Long Island, N.Y. Christie's employees move an auction item. October 2006.



Shawn Gordon, a member of Local 245 in Springfield, Mo., showcases Teamster history as a draft horse team driver when not driving a truck for Roadway Express. Gordon drives his team at a Labor Day parade in Omaha, Neb. September 2005.



Washington State Corrections Officer Tom Wright, a steward at the Monroe Correctional Complex in Monroe, Wash., checks data in the reception area of the Administration Building. Wright is a member of Local 117 in Tukwila, Wash. November 2007.



A Teamster corrections officer walks the perimeter of the prison while on duty at the Washington State Reformatory at the Monroe Correctional Complex. November 2007.



Kevin Kilgore, a member of Local 312 in Chester, Pa., stands with his Delaware County Daily Times truck at the newspaper plant in Primos, Pa. April 2003.



An overhead gripper conveyer belt system sends papers from the press room to the stacker at the Pittsburgh Post Gazette. June 2011.



UPS worker Minh Truong shows his support for the union. December 2007.



The Teamsters for Tomorrow group was formed as part of the Human Rights Commission at the 2008 Women's Conference to increase participation from younger members and to help prepare them for future leadership roles. The Local 117 Teamsters for Tomorrow group held their first Leadership Summit in Tukwila, Wash. November 2009.



Matthew Weber, a true Teamster for Tomorrow, knows where to get his news. He is the grandson of Ed Weber from Local 812 in Great Neck, N.Y. April 2011.



The Teamsters were one of the most outspoken supporters of the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA), a legislative reform to make organizing unorganized workers more fair for unions. June 2007.



International Vice President Al Mixon and General Secretary-Treasurer Tom Keegel join Rudy Gardner, Secretary-Treasurer at Local 922, and Antonio Christian, Director of the Teamsters Human Rights Commission, in congratulating Myron Sharp, the recipient of the 2011 Pioneer Leadership Award from the Teamsters National Black Caucus. Sharp is a longtime trainer for the Teamsters Training and Development Department. August 2011.



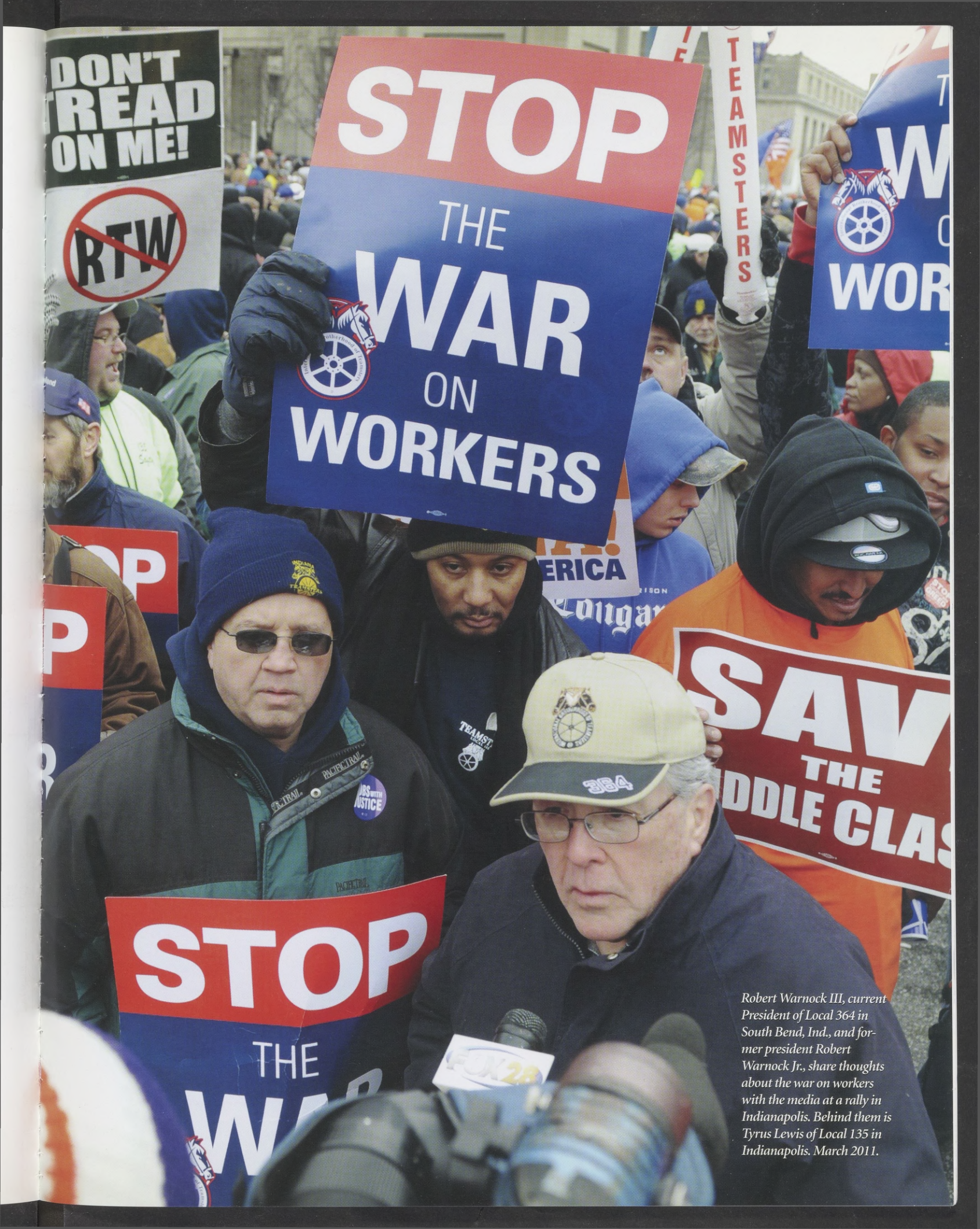
Several hundred members of the Teamsters Hispanic Caucus converged in Chicago to talk about fighting for fair wages and decent treatment. July 2010.



Teamster women rally in Minneapolis to say "yes" to good jobs and "no" to Wall Street greed. The rally was part of the 2010 Teamsters Women's Conference, a popular annual event. September 2010.



Teamsters rally in the name of workers' rights at the Indiana Statehouse in Indianapolis. One member's sign shows his dedication to the cause of organized labor. March 2011.



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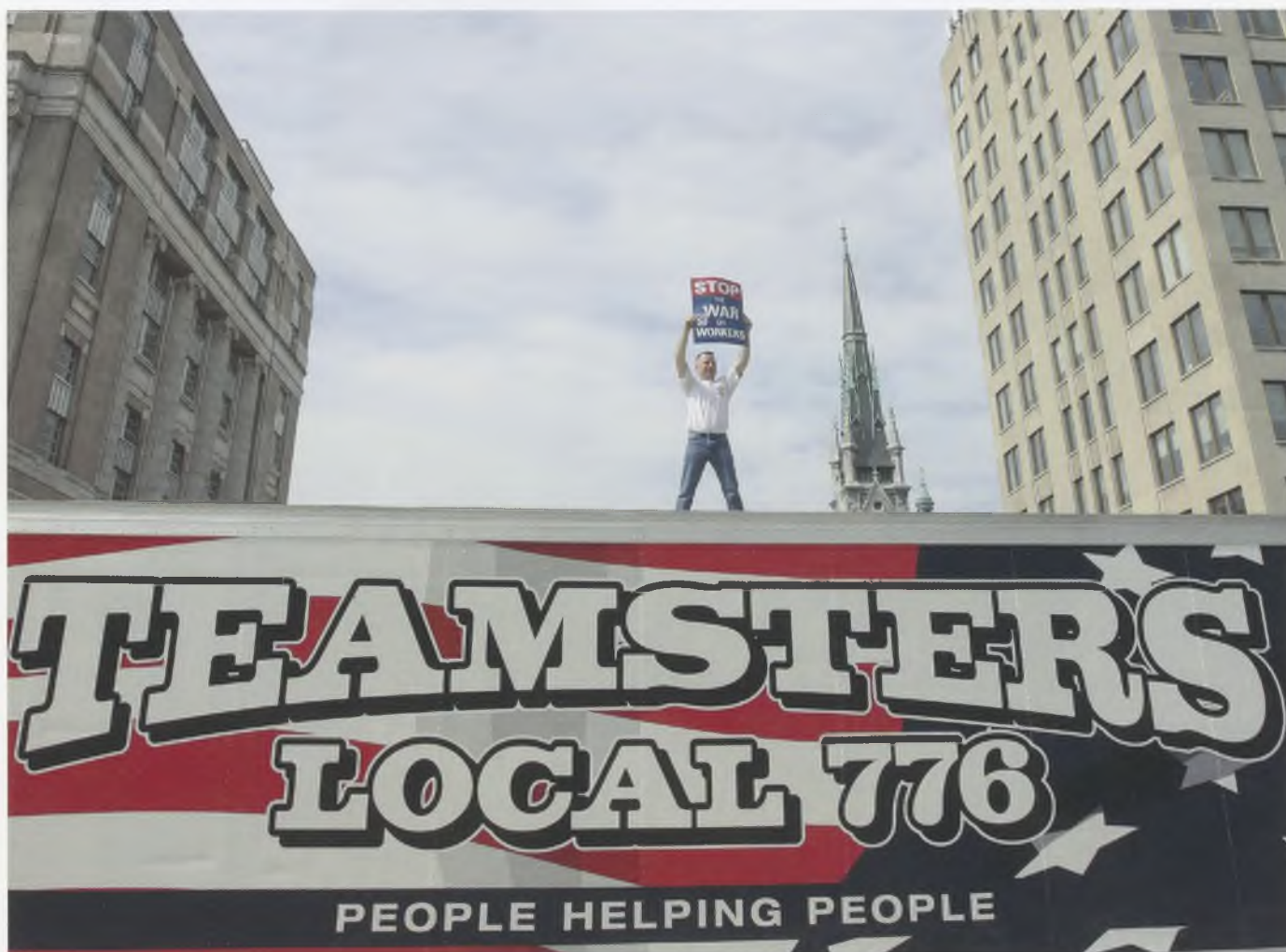
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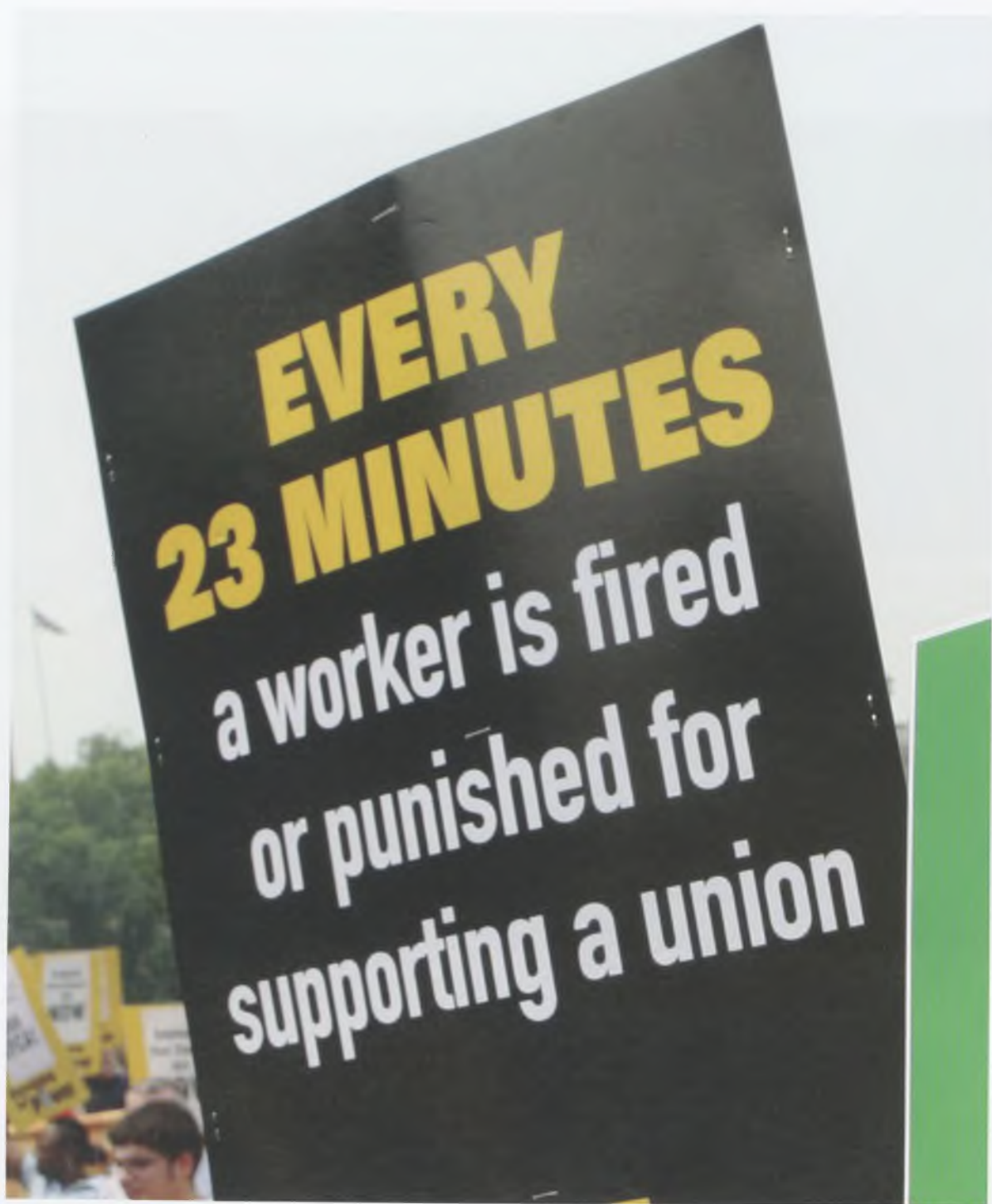
Robert Warnock III, current President of Local 364 in South Bend, Ind., and former president Robert Warnock Jr., share thoughts about the war on workers with the media at a rally in Indianapolis. Behind them is Tyrus Lewis of Local 135 in Indianapolis. March 2011.



Members of the Pennsylvania Conference of Teamsters protest anti-labor legislation at the Pennsylvania Statehouse in Harrisburg, April 2011.



A Local 776 member stands atop the union's truck to show his outrage toward the attacks on working families. April 2011.



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